

NCRR and eRA eXchange collaboration

The National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) plans to have an estimated 85 General Clinical Research Centers (GCRCs) submit their clinical grant progress reports electronically through the eRA eXchange to NCRR. Service Providers can play a role in providing that service to the GCRCs by extending their system-to-system communication capabilities with the eRA Exchange for progress reports.

For now, NCRR is supplying a lightweight desktop tool to GCRCs to package their progress report, append a PDF attachment and upload that directly to the NCRR website. Once the file gets to NCRR, it is directly registered in the NCRR system.

The following documentation is in support of the GCRC XML filing capability. It includes the ARP2XML client installation file and two supporting documents. The ARP2XML client converts the NIH ARP interchange file for upload. The NIH ARP Interchange format is used by many of the GCRCs for uploading information to NCRR and acts as the previous de facto standard. The upload package defined in the ARP2XML file can be independently produced and uploaded.

NCRR is working with the eRA team to define an ebXML compliant message and provide the ebXML compliant infrastructure to allow the system-to-system transmission of the GCRC progress reports.